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SUBJECT: RELEASE SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE LEADER.

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. SUNDAY TIMES JULY 14 REPORTS RELEASE 22 YEAR OLD SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE LEADER, THOMAS KAMATI, BY SECURITY POLICE DURING WEEK PAST AFTER NEARLY SIX MONTHS DETENTION; SIX OTHERS UNNAMED ALSO RELEASED, WHILE FIVE REMAIN IN DETENTION. (DAVID MERORO, SWAPO NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, PRESUMABLY STILL IN DETENTION).

2. KAMATI, IMMEDIATELY UPON RELEASE, WAS CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY BECAUSE HE WROTE ON HIS CELL WALL DURING HIS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. HE PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS THEN SET FREE WITH JUDGMENT ON THIS CHARGE DEFERRED UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH.

3. ARTICLE NOTED KAMATI ONE OF THOSE FLOGGED IN OVAMBOLAND LAST YEAR AND THAT HE HAS BEEN HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT SINCE HIS ARREST ON JANUARY 31.

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4. TIMES CARRIED TWO RELATED STORIES ON SAME PAGE THAT
(1) ANGLICAN BISHOPS HAD BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION ENTER
OVAMBOLAND FOR CONFIRMATION 2,400 CHILDREN THERE, AND (2)
BISHOPS LEONARD AUALA AND JOHANNES DE VRIES HAD REJECTED
PM VORSTER'S FINDINGS (IN RESPONSE TO THEIR EARLIER CHARGES)
OF NO TORTURE OF BLACKS IN SWA. THEY REQUESTED UNBIASED
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, STATING TORTURES TOOK PLACE AND WERE
STILL CONTINUING.
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